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Honorable James C. Francis United States Magistrate Judge United States Courthouse 500 Pearl Street, Room 1960 New York, NY 10007

Re: United States et al. ex rel. Kester v. Novartis Pharmaceuticals, Corp., et al.,

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Dear Judge Francis:

This Office represents plaintiff the United States (the "Government") in the abovereferenced False Claims Act action. In light of the Court's ruling today, Dkt. 314, the Government will not file a statement of interest.

We thank the Court for its consideration of this letter.

Respectfully,

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